

University Hospital
New Orleans La. May 19th 1844

Dear Mother

I received your very kind letter of the 3rd. yesterday and was very glad to hear that you are all well. it is the second letter that I have received from home in over nine weeks. it seems a long time to go without hearing from home. I am afraid that you are worrying yourself about me too much. I have got almost entirely well, so that ^{full} most as well as ever, but I don't think that I can ever stand it to lay out nights

in all kinds of weather as I have
done before. you want me to
try and get a furlough ^{you say}
I did think one spell that I could
get one but it has all blown over
now. I am getting ^{to} well and hearty
for a furlough.

I have not heard from Har-
ison in some time the last I
heard he was well they have
had a pretty hard time of it
there has been but little com-
munication between here and the
army for some time, the Rebels
had the Red river blockaded
this side of them so that no
boats could pass. but I heard
yesterday that the army had
got blow with all of the gun
boats but two or three which
they blew up. the army was
at Sims Port the last we hear
they probably will be down this

way before long.

Uncle Sam is here in the Hospital. He come yesterday he is complaining with a pain in his side, and his legs and body are swelled or bloated very bad. He is so that he is aboard all of the while.

You must excuse my short letter for I dont know any thing to write that would be interesting to you or anyone else. I forgot to tell you that I ~~was~~ am a nurse now. I dont have but little to do. Give my love to all
From your Aff. Son

John F. Brand